AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 2, as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): An agglomerate comprising fine primary particles of an inorganic compound except for silica, the agglomerate satisfying the following expressions (a) to (e):

(a) $0.5 \leq dp_{50} \leq 20$ [μm]

(b) $0 \leq \alpha \leq 2.5$ [-]

(c) $30 \leq Sw$ [m^2/g]

(d) $20 \leq St \leq 150$ [MPa] and

(e) $200 \leq Sta \leq 600$ [MPa],

wherein

dp_{50}: the average particle diameter [μm] of the agglomerate measured by Microtrac-FRA, a laser analysis type particle size distribution measurement apparatus,

α: the value calculated by dividing the difference between the particle diameter d_{90} of cumulative 90% minus sieve particles of the agglomerate and the particle diameter d_{10} of cumulative 10% minus sieve particles of the agglomerate calculated by the Microtrac-FRA, a laser analysis type particle size distribution measurement apparatus by the average particle diameter dp_{50} according to the following equation:

$\alpha = (d_{90} - d_{10})/dp_{50}$,

d_{90}: the particle diameter of cumulative 90% minus sieve particles of the agglomerate measured by the Microtrac-FRA, a laser analysis type particle size distribution measurement apparatus,

d_{10}: the particle diameter of cumulative 10% minus sieve particles of the agglomerate measured by the Microtrac-FRA, a laser analysis type particle size distribution measurement apparatus,

Sw: the BET specific surface area of the agglomerate [m^2/g],

St: the tensile strength [MPa] required to break the agglomerate with the particle diameter 4μm, measured by a MCT-W500-J micro compression testing machine manufactured by Shimadzu Corporation under conditions of 9.8 mN in load and 0.892405 mN/sec in load speed, and

Sta: the tensile strength [MPa] required to break 30% of the particle diameter of the agglomerate with the particle diameter 4μm, measured by a MCT-W500-J micro compression testing machine manufactured by Shimadzu Corporation under conditions of 9.8 mN in load and 0.892405 mN/sec in load speed.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): The agglomerate according to claim 1, wherein the agglomerate satisfies the solidified apparent density satisfies the following expression (f):

(f) $0.2 \leq \rho bp \leq 0.8$ [g/cm^3],

wherein

ρbp: the solidified apparent density [g/cm^3] of the agglomerate powder measured by a powder tester manufactured by Hosokawa Micron Co., Ltd., based on the Carr Theory.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The agglomerate according to claim 1, wherein the agglomerate is surface-treated with at least one kind selected from aliphatic acids, alicyclic carboxylic acids, aromatic carboxylic acids, their sulfonic acids and resin acids, their metal salts, ammonium salts, amine salts, esters; aliphatic, alicyclic, and aromatic sulfonic acids; coupling agents; silicone oils; paraffin; copolymers of α,β-monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acids and monomers copolymerizable with α,β-monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acids, their metal salts ammonium salts, amine salts, esters; phosphoric acid esters; and industrial soaps.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The agglomerate according to claim 1, wherein the agglomerate comprises calcium carbonate.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): A resin composition containing a resin mixed with the agglomerate according to claim 1.

Claim 6 (Original): The resin composition according to claim 5, wherein the resin is selected from polyolefin resins, polyester resins, polyamide resins, polyvinyl chloride resins, and biodegradable resins.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The resin composition according to claim 5, wherein the resin composition is in the form of a film, a sheet or a fiber.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The agglomerate according to claim 2, wherein the agglomerate is surface-treated with at least one kind selected from aliphatic acids, alicyclic carboxylic acids, aromatic carboxylic acids, their sulfonic acids and resin acids, their metal salts, ammonium salts, amine salts, esters; aliphatic, alicyclic, and aromatic sulfonic acids; coupling agents; silicone oils; paraffin; copolymers of α,β-monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acids and monomers copolymerizable with α,β-monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acids, their metal salts ammonium salts, amine salts, esters; phosphoric acid esters; and industrial soaps.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The agglomerate according to claim 2, wherein the agglomerate comprises calcium carbonate.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The agglomerate according to claim 3, wherein the agglomerate comprises calcium carbonate.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A resin composition containing a resin mixed with the agglomerate according to claim 2.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A resin composition containing a resin mixed with the agglomerate according to claim 3.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The resin composition according to claim 11, wherein the resin is selected from polyolefin resins, polyester resins, polyamide resins, polyvinyl chloride resins, and biodegradable resins.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The resin composition according to claim 12, wherein the resin is selected from polyolefin resins, polyester resins, polyamide resins, polyvinyl chloride resins, and biodegradable resins.